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1. A number of Vietnamese remained in Canton following the Communist occupation of the city. The official Ho Chi Minh Government group is represented by Hoang Vinh. He is an official Ho Government representative but is not specifically assigned to Canton. He often has relations with the provincial Communist authorities. His real mission is possibly to negotiate for economic and military supplies for the Ho Government.
2. Hoang Vinh frequently visits the Vietnamese who are currently in Canton. He is amicable and occasionally renders little services to his friends which are without political motive. Hoang Vinh does not discuss political affairs nor does he serve as a propagandist.
3. Up to the present, there is no Ho Chi Minh Government consul in Canton.
4. The Vietnamese who are politically neither pro- or anti-Viet Minh are able to live quietly without annoyance from the Communist authorities. In December 1949 the Communist authorities requested all foreigners to register. The Vietnamese informed the authorities that they did not have any passports but would do anything that the Chinese authorities requested. The Communist authorities noted their addresses and said they would be notified when the consuls of the Ho Chi Minh Government arrived in Canton. Up to the present, these Vietnamese have not been bothered by the Communists.
5. The fate of those Vietnamese who were anti-Viet Minh depended upon the extent of their former political activity. Ta Nguyen Hoi, former secretary-treasurer of the Dong Minh Hoi and more recently an aide to Lau Duc Trung, who had actively assisted the Chinese Nationalist forces, was arrested by the Chinese Communists at Tong-Hing (just across the Chinese border from the Vietnamese town of Moncay). Ta Nguyen Hoi was taken to Canton where he is still awaiting trial. His fate is undecided [REDACTED]
6. In contrast, those who were not actively anti-Viet Minh have remained free. One month before the Communist capture of Canton, Vuong Minh Son, former spokesman of the Phuc Quoc, publicly broke with Hoang Nam Hung, secretary of the Phuc Quoc. He declared that the right political road is that of Ho Chi Minh and that he supported Ho Chi Minh. After this declaration he broke off his relations with anti-Viet Minh Vietnamese and has not been disturbed by the Communist authorities.

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7. Nguyen Tuong Bach has remained in Canton and has not joined his brother, Nguyen Tuong Tam, leader of the Viet Nam Quoc Dan Dang, who is in Hong Kong. Nguyen Tuong Bach's wife is Chinese. One month prior to the arrival of the Communists in Canton, he published a typewritten news-sheet entitled Xa-Hoi (Socialism). He declared that he was no longer a member of the Viet Nam Quoc Dan Dang and that he felt that all nationalism is erroneous and that the only modern political road is Marxist Socialism. In this regard Nguyen Tuong Bach commented that Ho Chi Minh's socialism was not entirely Marxist and that it retained a large dose of nationalism. He concluded that although the socialism of Ho Chi Minh at present is not entirely Marxist, the road of Ho Chi Minh is presently justified as Marxism cannot triumph until Viet Nam is completely liberated. Nguyen Tuong Bach has not been molested by the Communists.

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Comment. [redacted] reported [redacted] that Ta Nguyen Hoi was presently in Hockow, Hainan.

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